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## ROANOKE GOES DOWN 47 BELIEVED DROWNED

Cargo Shifts and Steamer Turns Turtle—Carried No Passengers and Crew Gets Away in Boats—Captain Dickson's Wife Slips From Deck and He Plunges After Her, Both Drowning—One Boat Carrying Eight, Three Alive, Picked Up—Others Believed To Be Lost

Port San Luis, Cal., May 11.—While patrols watched the breakers today for bodies of the 47 believed dead in the North Pacific liner Roanoke disaster, a wireless message came from the steamer Lansing saying that it had gone over the scene of the horror off Point Buchon and found no trace of survivors. This radio was received at 9:30 a. m. by J. H. Sims, president of the Pacific Coast Railway. It also announced that the Lansing was coming in and would arrive at 11 o'clock.

Rumors along the sea-coast that another lifeboat containing a single corpse had been found, were not substantiated and were discredited. So far the only men known to have escaped death are Joseph F. Erbe, a quartermaster, and two Mexicans who drifted ashore with five dead bodies in a lifeboat near here last night.

Accounts of the end of Captain Richard Dickson and his wife conflict. The only man able to give a half way coherent report of the disaster so far is Erbe. He now says that when his lifeboat pulled away from the doomed Roanoke after its cargo had shifted and thrown it on its beam ends, both the captain and his wife were clinging to the bridge.

The two Mexicans are suffering so from shock that they are not able to talk.

In a later statement Erbe said that two lifeboats were swamped in leaving the sinking ship. One having arrived here, this leaves two unaccounted for.

The steam schooner Whittier arrived here today and reported having seen no trace of the Roanoke or its lifeboats. A heavy gale is blowing which might make it impossible for small boats to keep afloat.

Manuel Lopez, fireman, who came ashore in the lifeboat with Quartermaster Erbe and Charles Romero, told a graphic story of the disaster this afternoon when he had partially recovered from the shock.

He declared that the crew of the Roanoke was inexperienced and that in his opinion the cargo was badly loaded. He declared he protested to Captain Dickson and begged the skipper not to take his wife on the voyage. The steamer's destination, Lopez said, was not known to him.

Contrary to statements that the liner suddenly rolled over when hit by a big wave, Lopez asserted that it began to list heavily several hours before it finally sank.

When the steamer began to tip over, an attempt was made to summon help by wireless, but the radio was found to be out of commission. Signals were then hoisted, but three ships which passed did not see them.

Boats Caught in Davits.

Finally, according to Lopez, preparations were made to take to the lifeboats. There were, he said, "about 50 or 60" persons aboard and if the lifeboats had been properly handled Lopez said he believed that all 12 of them could have been launched. However, several caught in the davits or were capsized. Five were finally floated, but two of these swamped.

In one of the boats still missing Lopez said there was only one man, John D.

### ABE MARTIN



Th' feller who used t' tell his troubles now darts in a nickel theater an' fergits 'em. Some fellers are too great t' work in th' garden, but they'll raise a garden.

## Thirteenth Executed and May Be the Last

London, May 11.—Thomas Kent, the thirteenth Irish rebel executed, will probably be the last killed unless Sir Roger Casement is convicted of treason and sentenced to death, it was stated today.

Kent was shot at Queenstown on Tuesday. This was the first execution outside of Dublin. He was found guilty of inciting rebellion in the vicinity of Chao Ferney, county Cork.

Harold Tennant, Lord Derby, the Duke of Devonshire and Winston Churchill have been mentioned as possible successors to Lord Wimbourne, just resigned as lord lieutenant of Ireland.

To Aid Families of Victims.

Portland, Ore., May 11.—An Irish Red Cross society, organized by the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians today started raising funds for the widows and orphans of victims of the Irish rebellion.

Resolutions were adopted by the Hibernians last night sympathizing with the Irish revolutionists and reciting the history of Ireland as a downtrodden country.

## BULL MOOSE WILLING TO ABSORB OLD PARTY

If Republicans Name Roosevelt They Will Return to the G. O. P. Fold

By Perry Arnold.

(United Press staff correspondent.)  
New York, May 11.—The next move is up to the republicans in the political game and may result in reaffiliation of the G. O. P. with the bull moose. Members of the progressive national executive committee so indicated today following yesterday's conference, which declared for political peace, but not peace at any price.

Convention arrangements were discussed at the conference and the selection of a man to deliver the keynote speech was also talked over, but no announcement of the result of these proceedings was withheld.

It was strongly indicated that if the republicans concede enough progressive principles, the bull moose convention will summer down to considering the proper method of entry into the republican fold. Progressives regard their candidate as a consideration of the first importance. They will "follow only a leader who stands for our principles and is able to put them through."

It was admitted that Justice Hughes might fit, but there was not a chance for Elihu Root.

It was expected that Roosevelt would deliver a "keynote progressive speech at Kansas City on Decoration day. Roosevelt has practically abandoned the idea of delivering further speeches west of there. It is understood that Roosevelt is considering absconding himself from the Chicago convention.

## ALCOHOL MAKES PORTLANDERS CRAZY

One Dead and Another Near Death From Drinking Straight Booze

Portland, Ore., May 11.—With one man dead, and another in a serious condition from the effects of drinking alcohol, police today started an investigation into the source of the alcohol supply.

A coroner's autopsy last night revealed that A. J. Craig had died from acute alcoholism. He was arrested for drunkenness and died in the police patrol wagon en route to the jail. A. N. Patterson is in the police emergency hospital today gasping for breath, and with his heart beating weakly and irregularly as the result of drinking too much alcohol.

Within the last week the police have arrested several men who were raving from the effects of alcohol.

Drug store records show no unusual sales of alcohol, but police believe some of the alcohol sold was "doped."

The prune crop situation is very encouraging, according to reports from several of the prune districts. One grower was of the opinion that the recent rains and rains were of a benefit to the crop, as the undeveloped fruit were knocked off, which would have dropped later. Others have expressed the opinion that the conditions now are better than for the past three years. From Pulk county comes the report that the crop conditions are favorable only in spots; that while an orchard gave promise of a big crop, the one adjoining would show no fruit whatever. But the general consensus of opinion at present is, that this year the prospects are unusually favorable. Dispatches today say that immense damage has been done to the Idaho prune crop by frosts last night, and California conditions are unfavorable.

## EACH SIDE CLAIMS GAINS AT VERDUN NONE IMPORTANT

French Officers Ridicule Statement That 800,000 Defend Position

## ARTILLERY FIGHTING ON GRECIAN FRONTIER

Italians Renew Attacks On Austrians—Spring Season Opening

Berlin, May 11.—Repulse of French attacks around Verdun and further successes on Hill 304 were claimed today in the German official statement.

French attacks collapsed under a curtain of machine gun and artillery fire with considerable enemy losses.

On Hill 304 since Thursday the Germans have captured 53 French officers and 1515 men.

East of the Meuse, it was announced that there was hand grenade fighting during the whole night in Caillotte forest. Germans stormed 500 yards of Russian trenches southeast of Selberg, capturing 300 Slavs.

No important developments were reported in the Balkans.

All Attacks Repulsed.

Paris, May 11.—With bayonets and hand grenades the French during the night repulsed a German attack northwest of Verdun. It was officially announced. West of the Meuse there was nothing more than artillery fighting last night.

Though there is still artillery fighting on the Meuse west bank, the impression is again growing that the Germans are preparing to abandon their attack on Verdun. Officers are ridiculing the German statement that 800,000 French are engaged in the defense. They said that Germany caused this to be published to show the people that they confronted great obstacles at Verdun and to explain their failure to capture the citadel.

Austrian Transport Sunk.

Rome, May 11.—A French submarine has destroyed an Austrian munitions transport off Albania. It was officially announced today. The crew, it is believed, perished.

Scrap On French Frontier.

Salonika, May 11.—Brisk artillery fighting on the northern Grecian front was reported today. The Bulgarians are reinforcing south of Monastir and throwing up defenses, evidently expecting an attack from the allies concentrated at Florina.

Italians Getting Busy.

Vienna, May 11.—Italians repeatedly attacked San Martino after showering the Austrian trenches with heavy shells, but each charge was repulsed, the war office stated today. The artillery fighting increased in intensity on the East Tyrol and Carinthian fronts.

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## TODAY'S BALL SCORES

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American

|                                      | R. | H. | E. |
|--------------------------------------|----|----|----|
| Chicago                              | 1  | 3  | 0  |
| New York                             | 2  | 5  | 1  |
| Faber and Seals; Cullip and Walters. |    |    |    |

R. H. E.

|  | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Detroit  | 2  | 3  | 2  |
| Philadelphia   | 3  | 9  | 1  |
| Covaleski, Dulac and Stange; Baker; Meyers and Schang. |    |    |    |

R. H. E.

|  | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| St. Louis  | 0  | 5  | 1  |
| Washington   | 2  | 7  | 0  |
| Weilman, Davenport and Severoid; Gallia and Henry. |    |    |    |

R. H. E.

|   | R. | H. | E. |
|---|----|----|----|
| Cleveland   | 5  | 11 | 4  |
| Boston  | 6  | 10 | 0  |
| Mitchell, Hagerman, Babgy and O'Neill; Shore, Mayo and Cady, Agnew, 10 innings. |    |    |    |

National

|   | R. | H. | E. |
|---|----|----|----|
| New York  | 3  | 7  | 2  |
| Pittsburg   | 2  | 3  | 2  |
| Perritt and Dooin; Kantlechner and Wilson. Stroud replaced Perritt. |    |    |    |

R. H. E.

|  | R. | H. | E. |
|--|----|----|----|
| Boston                                 | 1  | 7  | 0  |
| Chicago                                | 3  | 9  | 1  |
| Hudolph and Gowdy; Vanglin and Archer. |    |    |    |

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## TWENTY THREE NEGROES ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Wallacetown, Va., May 11.—Twenty three negroes were burned to death last night when an explosion wrecked the gasoline tank in a frame structure housing a motion picture theatre. The negroes died for the exits in frantic panic. Many were trampled and crushed.

## Fist Fight Enlivens McArthur Damage Suit

Portland, Ore., May 11.—A fist fight in the court room of Circuit Judge Gatens this morning enlivened the trial of the \$50,000 libel suit brought by Representative C. N. McArthur against R. P. Hutton, superintendent of the Oregon Anti-Saloon League.

Elmer Amidon, a politician, approached Hutton as soon as court convened.

"Did you say yesterday that my wife stole some papers from you?" Amidon demanded, according to witnesses.

"Who are you?" asked Hutton.

"I'm Amidon."

"Yes, I said it," asserted Hutton. "Biff! Amidon's fist landed on Hutton's eye. They went to the court room floor in a rough and tumble fight. Bailiffs separated them. Judge Gatens fined Amidon \$25 for contempt of court.

AVIATORS IN HOSPITAL

Alexandria, Va., May 11.—Aviator Thomas McCauley and Mechanist Uter are in the hospital and their two passengers are missing today, following the fall of their hydroplane 500 feet into the Potomac river.

## CRACKSMEN ESCAPE WITH \$10,000 IN GOLD

Rob Store at Randsburg, Get Money For Pay Roll at Mine

San Bernardino, Cal., May 11.—Cracksmen escaped with \$10,000 in gold and several thousand dollars in checks after looting the store of James Hingsworth at Randsburg, on the desert today. The money was part of the payroll for the Yellow Aster mine, it is believed.

The robbery was discovered shortly before 8 a. m. today, when Hingsworth opened the general store which he operates at Randsburg, a desert settlement. The vault in which the payroll of the Yellow Aster mine was deposited had been shattered by a blast of nitroglycerine.

Hingsworth immediately wired the sheriff here and a posse in automobiles, armed and provisioned for a several days' chase, hurriedly departed.

Automobile tracks in front of the store led out on the desert toward the south.

Randsburg is just across the line in Kern county. It is believed the pair who blasted the vault may be heading toward San Bernardino. The local posse led by Sheriff Frank McLean, it was thought might head them off.

Miners at the Yellow Aster, only three miles from the Randsburg settlement, formed a posse under Constable Lovett and are scouring the desert wastes in all directions. Even automobile tracks leading from Randsburg was traced.

May 15 miners were scheduled to be paid. The money had always been kept in a safe at Hingsworth's, usually two or three days before the pay date. The job was done by expert cracksmen. They were believed to have been strangers who came and departed in the night.

## GREAT HYDROPLANE LOSES PROPELLER

Dives Into Potomac River Carrying Two to Bottom with Wreckage

Washington, May 11.—Two were probably killed and three are known to have been injured today when one of the largest hydroplanes in the country threw its propeller while flying low and dived into the Potomac river.

Those believed dead are L. Z. Grants, an aviator, and Charles Good, an aviator student. The men are Thomas MacCauley, pilot, Mayo Dudley, a Washington newspaper man and Mechanician Uter. All except Dudley were from the Curtis aviation school at Newport News.

The aeroplane, which had a passenger-carrying capacity of sixteen, started from the navy yard for a test flight. It traveled three miles. Then the propeller was hurled off while the craft was sending low over the ground.

Dudley, MacCauley and Uter were thrown out. Grants and Good clung to the pitching airship and were with it when it plunged into the water. It is believed they are caught under the wreckage at the bottom of the river.

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SPEAK

Attorney General George M. Brown, of Salem, today accepted the invitation to speak at the memorial services in Eugene on May 30.

The letter of acceptance was received by J. E. Beytine, chairman of the general memorial committee. The exercises will be held at the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Eugene Guard.

## AMERICANS WARNED TO GET OUT OF MEXICO

Reiteration of Mexico's Demand That a Time Limit Be Placed On the American Expedition's Presence In Mexico Causes Uneasiness—Warning Shows War Department Thinks Break Is Coming—Obregon and Scott Hold Conference at 4 o'Clock

By E. T. Conkle,  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

El Paso, Texas, May 11.—General Alvaro Obregon today expected to submit in writing his proposal for a co-operative border patrol involving withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. This is the Carranzistas' last hope of overcoming the deadlock in the General Hugh Scott-General Obregon conferences. As Scott is powerless to decide whether there shall be a withdrawal there is a possibility of negotiations switching to Washington for adjustment by the state department.

Meanwhile the militia of three border states is hurriedly concentrating. General Fred Funston has asked permission to mount two thousand infantrymen for the border control.

General Pershing has contracted his lines of communications to a length of 150 miles with Dublin as the southernmost base. Nearly 3,000 regulars, including coast and field artillery, are now en route to the border. A new detachment of cavalry has already crossed the line seeking the Mexicans who raided Glenn Springs, Texas.

"I think we made progress toward a settlement," was General Scott's only comment on the conference.

Warned to Get Out.  
By Carl D. Groat.  
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, May 11.—The state department through its consuls today again warned Americans to quit Mexico.

Reports compiled recently said that there were fewer than 3,000 Americans in Mexico and this number has probably been reduced since developments caused a massing of new troops on the border. Reiteration of Mexico's insistence that a time limit be placed on the American expedition's presence in Mexico is causing uneasiness.

Secretary of War Baker was optimistic, however, after receiving General Hugh Scott's latest word.

Conference This Evening.

El Paso, Texas, May 11.—General Alvaro Obregon visited General Hugh Scott at 12 a. m. today for a conference at which he expected to submit his plan for a co-operative border patrol with American and Carranzista

## FACULTY REFUSES TO REINSTATE BALL

Practically All Students Petition for His Return—Reasons for Refusal Given

The Willamette chapel was the scene of considerable excitement this morning, when President Doney announced to the students that the faculty had decided yesterday afternoon to sustain their former action in regard to the suspension of Maxwell Ball, who had confessed his participation in placing a cow in the Willamette chapel on the night of April 12. The incident has been receiving considerable attention of late; a petition was circulated by several of the students to have Ball reinstated, which was signed by practically all the students, and the faculty in acting upon it wished to ask Mr. Ball a few questions relative to his personal attitude. He refused to answer any questions whatever. He was asked if he would substantiate a previous statement to Pres. Doney that no other students were involved (there being reports among the students that Ball never said this), this Ball refused to do, consequently the faculty decided to sustain the former action, which suspended Ball from the university indefinitely. Following are the reasons set forth by the faculty in upholding their action:

1. The president had represented to the faculty as fully and truthfully as he could Mr. Ball's statement of his connection with the chapel incident and it was deemed proper indefinitely to suspend Mr. Ball.

2. At a meeting of the faculty May 9 your petition was read, and the president stated that Mr. Ball had offered a proper apology and expressed a willingness to repair the damage to the university property. In the discussion of the matter, a question arose concerning a statement which Mr. Ball had made to the president relative to his being the

only student involved. In order to correct any misunderstanding, it was voted to request Mr. Ball to meet the faculty the next afternoon.

3. At the faculty meeting, May 10, Mr. Ball was present; and, after the president had explained to Mr. Ball the reason for his requested presence, he was asked whether he had stated to the president that he was the only student who participated in the chapel affair. To this inquiry, Mr. Ball refused to reply. Two or three questions of like nature were addressed to him, to all of which he refused any answer other than to say that he had definitely decided the night before that he would make no reply to any questions.

4. While the faculty appreciate the attitude of Mr. Ball, they deem it inexcusable for any student to refuse to answer a question which involves only himself in the reply. To countenance such would be to allow any student suspected of misconduct to shield himself by such refusal and thereby make school discipline virtually nugatory.

5. The faculty desires to make it plain that it is for this reason that it is impossible to terminate the suspension of Mr. Ball. But they express the hope that Mr. Ball will consider the necessity of the faculty to require students to reply to questions whose answers involve only themselves, and thereby make his reinstatement a possibility.

We much regret that this new issue has arisen. We trust that the student body will be dispassionate in their conclusions and that careful thought will lead them to an approving judgment.

## THE WEATHER

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OVERCAST FOR HOUSEMAIDS

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Oregon: Tonight fair with heavy frost; Friday fair, warmer; northwesterly winds.

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